

In re Application of: David Khoury  
Application No.: 10/717,857

**Remarks**

In the application, claims 21 through 24 are pending. Claims 22 through 24 are allowed.

The Office Action dated October 6, 2005, has been carefully considered. The Office Action rejects claims 1 through 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of U.S. Patents 4,809,949 and 3,293,342. Claims 22 through 24 are allowed, and claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its antecedent claims.

To expedite issuance, claims 1 through 20 are cancelled without prejudice. Claim 21 is promoted to independent status and now includes all of the limitations of its antecedent claims (13, 19, and 20). Claim 22 is amended to remove the limitations of the valve body being constructed of aluminum and the plug element being constructed of thermoplastic, limitations not relied upon for patentability.

**Conclusion**

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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